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1. In anticipation that the proposed consolidation of [redacted] and FDD propaganda analysis will be approved, [redacted] of FDD has been detailed to [redacted] for orientation and will visit [redacted] during the last half of August and September. His ETA's will be furnished separately.

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2. At the [redacted] it is requested that he be given a general orientation in [redacted] especially with respect to press scrutiny, and that he be assisted in the following projects:

a. To explore the cost and availability of specific Soviet and Satellite dailies and elite journals and the normal time lag in procuring them.

b. To explore the availability of Russian and Satellite linguists with good English and sufficient political sophistication to scrutinize and summarize these publications and make preliminary selection of important articles for translation in full; to interview and recommend individual candidates insofar as possible.

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c. To discuss procedures for the new operation with respect to: storage or forwarding of back publications; fast mail for current publications; selection of items for wire file for Daily Report, Propaganda Branch, and FDD; communications traffic capacity; [redacted] capacity for back research and special studies; requirements for guidance; coordination with [redacted] and [redacted] to avoid duplication of broadcast material or to provide variant press and radio versions of important items; personnel requirements.

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d. To discuss other press scrutiny from the viewpoint of FDD requirements.

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3. It is anticipated that the major part of the operation can best be carried out in [redacted] with the [redacted] responsible only for East German material, but alternative arrangements should also be explored.

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4. At [redacted] Mr. [redacted] will in the course of his orientation also discuss procedures for coordinating the proposed press coverage with the broadcast coverage of those [redacted] and any other effects which the new operation may have upon them.

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